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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

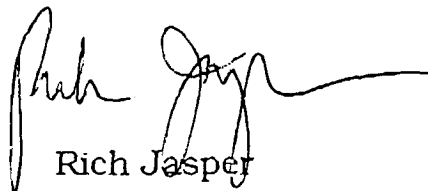
I believe the antitrust settlement case between Microsoft and the U.S. government is fair and reasonable, and I agree with the terms.

Microsoft has agreed to remove technical and contractual barriers to computer makers or consumers shipping or installing competing operating systems, applications, and other software. In fact, Microsoft has gone well beyond the products and procedures covered in the actual suit itself. Clearly, they are being cooperative and doing what they can to resolve this matter.

In this context, continuing with litigation would not merely be damaging to the economy and the consumer, but also unfair. The settlement that has been developed was done so in good faith by both parties and now is the time to eliminate the cloud hanging over this situation and let Microsoft get on with their business.

I believe the settlement is in the best interest of the people, industry, and economy of our state of Washington. Let's get this behind us and move on with our lives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rich Jasper", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rich Jasper